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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of

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Toshio TADA, et al.

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Examiner: John Sipos

For: FILLING AND PACKAGING MACHINE

REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated June 12, 2006. In the Notice of Allowability, the Examiner has not acknowledged the claim for foreign priority.

The certified priority document was filed in the International Bureau of the PCT and was received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as evidenced by the enclosed copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/903 (Acceptance Notice). The pertinent information has been highlighted for the Examiner's convenience.

It is respectfully requested the receipt of a copy of the priority document be acknowledged.

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

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DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

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A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE. The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

- Copy of the International Application filed on 04/19/2005
- English Translation of the IA filed on 04/19/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 04/19/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 04/19/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 04/19/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 04/19/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 04/19/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 04/19/2005
- Assignment filed on 04/19/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 04/19/2005
- Specification filed on 04/19/2005

- Claims filed on 04/19/2005
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- Drawings filed on 04/19/2005

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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability dated June 12, 2006, submitted herewith are Two (2) sheets of corrected Formal Drawings comprising Figs. 10 and 11 in connection with the above referenced application and labeled as Replacement Sheets.

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